IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 12, 13, 15-17 and 20, and cancel Claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating the allocation of a technology resource billing[[s]] incurred by at least one of a user and a group within an entity, said method comprising:

receiving a business model file corresponding to an internal structure defining at least one of said user and said group, the business model file including:

at least one application profile identifying a technology resource associated with at least one of said user and said group, and

an allocation definition associated with the technology resource for allocating a usage of the technology resource to at least one of said user and said group,

associating a unique identifier with the technology resource and at least one of said user and said group;

apportioning at least one of a usage of the technology resource and a technology resource billing to at least one of said user and said group according to the allocation definition;

receiving data corresponding to a usage of [[a]] the technology resource by at least one of said user and said group;

receiving user information including an internal structure defining a group within an entity and billing information for said group; and

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allocating [[said]] <u>respective portions of a</u> technology resource billing[[s]] <u>corresponding to the technology resource</u> to at least one of said user and said group, based on <u>the allocation definition and the associating</u> ~~said user information~~.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said technology resource further includes at least one of computer usage wherein said computer usage includes computing time obtained from an outsourced provider, telephony resource usage, manufacturing cycles and production runs.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein [[said]] receiving <u>said business model file</u> ~~user information~~ further includes receiving said <u>business model file</u> ~~user information~~ at a controller.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including automatically recognizing <u>at least one of</u> said user <u>and said group</u>.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said allocating ~~said technology resource billings~~ further includes allocating loyalty points to <u>at least one of</u> said user <u>and said group</u>.

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7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said allocating ~~said technology resource billings~~ further includes reducing said technology resource billings by a monetary value of loyalty points.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said allocating ~~said technology resource billings~~ further includes at least one of transferring, pooling and gifting loyalty points.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including providing a descriptive billing statement including <u>at least a portion of</u> said <u>business model file</u> ~~user information~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further including providing a descriptive billing statement including at least one of:

       <u>at least a portion of</u> said <u>business model file</u> ~~user information~~,

       a total of computer usage time,

       said computer usage time associated with at least one of [[an]] <u>the unique</u> identifier, an account, a project, a process and a division,

       a time period of said computer usage,

       <u>at least one of said</u> [[a]] user <u>and said group</u> associated with said computer usage occurring during said time period,

       an authorization received,

       a rule engine guideline used during said computer usage,

       a notification sent by a controller,

       an account billed for said computer usage,

a processing power associated with said computer usage,

a provider providing said computer usage time,

said computer usage and said technology resource billings associated with at least

one of [[a]] the business model file, an application profile, and a value driver,

an analysis of at least one of said computer usage and said technology resource

billings,

statistics of at least one of said computer usage and said technology resource

billings,

graphical display of at least one of said computer usage and said technology

resource billings.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including adjusting said technology

resource billings based upon at least one of a CPU-second used, a total CPU-seconds expected to

be used, a volume discount, a stepped-type of pricing, a peak/off-peak usage, a geographic

location, a service provided, a performance expectation, a location, a service level scoring, a

CPU cycle, a local power consumption cost, a physical site security, an increased site security,

an additional operational procedure needed to support increased sensitive data, a level of fail

over needed, a service level agreement, and an account data privacy requirement.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving user

information further comprising includes:

determining said internal structure including various groups and sub-groups

within said entity;

determining a billing detail of [[a]] said group within said entity;

determining a value driver of said entity; and

determining an application profile of said entity.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further including:

monitoring said computer usage; and,

notifying at least one of said user and said group of said computer usage.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said monitoring said computer usage further includes monitoring in at least one of substantially real-time, a pre-established time period and a random time period.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said notifying at least one of said user and said group further includes notifying at least one of said user and said group via at least one of phone, email, pager, cell phone, personal digital assistant, and fax.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said notifying at least one of said user and said group further includes providing at least one of a signal, a usage clock, and a monetary usage value to at least one of said user and said group.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further including performing data analysis of said computer usage using the at least one application performance driver.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further including suggesting a cost efficient usage practice.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further including requesting a bid based upon said monitoring step.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said <u>business model file</u> ~~user information~~ further includes at least one of ~~an identifier, a business model file,~~ an application profile, a value driver, a user level, a geographic area, a project, a zone, a third party provider, loyalty information and a rule.